

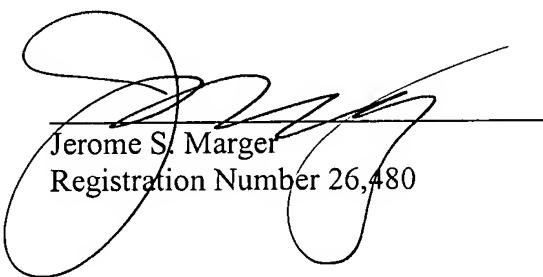
Remarks

Pursuant to paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Office Action, claims 1-24 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting with respect to all of the claims of U.S. Patent Nos. 5,593,888 (issued January 14, 1997), 5,824,541 (issued October 20, 1998), 5,854,061 (issued December 29, 1998), and 6,306,641 (issued October 23, 2001), respectively. In response to the above rejection, a Terminal Disclaimer is provided herewith which disclaims the terminal part of any patent granted on the above-identified application which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term of U.S. Patent Nos. 5,593,888 (issued January 14, 1997), 5,824,541 (issued October 20, 1998), 5,854,061 (issued December 29, 1998), and 6,306,641 (issued October 23, 2001), respectively, except as otherwise specifically provided in the Terminal Disclaimer.

In light of the filing of the enclosed Terminal Disclaimer, it is requested that the Examiner reconsider her rejections and pass this application to issue.

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